

The Director of Central Intelligence

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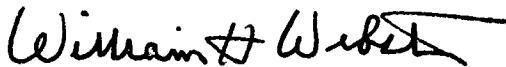
MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

This has been a year of change and accomplishment -- a year when clarity of purpose and dedication have never been in greater demand. Together we have illuminated intelligence issues for policymakers, and we have supported the foreign policy of our country with professionalism and skill.

We can all be proud of our many successes over this past year as we recognize and appreciate the talent, commitment, perseverance, and hard work that is responsible for that success. I am personally very proud of the people of the Intelligence Community, whose generosity of spirit and willingness to serve will assure our future success.

The President-elect has honored me by asking that I continue serving as Director of Central Intelligence. We now have a special opportunity to continue our momentum uninterrupted by election transition. I deeply appreciate the support you have given me and will do all that I can to be worthy of it. Please accept my thanks and the nation's thanks for your vital work. I look forward to the challenges ahead and to working with you to meet them.

Deputy Director Gates joins me in extending our warmest wishes to you and your families for a very happy holiday season.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William H. Webster". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent flourish at the end.

William H. Webster